

The Church of God Evangel

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST, AND ON EARTH PEACE, GOOD WILL TOWARD MEN

A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Mrs. Bertie Harrison

"Joy to the world the Lord has come,
Let earth receive her king,
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And heaven and nature sing."

This song which we hear ringing out on every occasion at Christmas time has never been impressed so forcibly upon my heart as it has this morning. How I wish I might make the whole world realize just what it means. "Joy to the world the Lord has come." Had He not come on that first Christmas morning, what a sad old world this would be. The precious Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world. One who was willing to leave His home in glory and come to this earth, suffer and die, that this joy might be ours. "Oh come let us sing unto the Lord; let us make a joyful noise unto the rock of our salvation." Psa. 95:1.

We are thinking of the joy that came to Mary's heart as the angel came to her, saying, "Blessed art thou among women," and revealed to her that she was to become the mother of the Son of God. Along with this great joy there came to her, (as with all of God's chosen ones) the reproach, the misunderstandings of friends and loved ones. Had not God spoken to Joseph he too would have forsaken her. Thank God for those to whom He can speak and who will hearken unto His voice. Without a doubt Mary had many admirers, and friends, but she did not allow the misunderstandings of the world to hinder her from saying, yes, to God.

Mary, like Abraham, stepped out by faith not knowing whither she went, trusting God to manage affairs and make all things work together for good because she loved Him. Little did she realize that as soon as she said, yes, to God the enemy would be on her track.

Oh yes, the old fellow went on ahead and barred her out of the comfortable hotels at Bethlehem, and poor Mary had to take that lowly place with the cows, and there our Christ was born. Likely Mary did not know this; but away back in the past somewhere, God had lifted the veil and allowed the prophet to see just what would happen. On a little further down the line the same old fellow stirred the heart of Herod, who made them flee into Egypt to save the young child's life.

Perhaps all through Mary's life she suffered much because of the persecutions of her precious son. It was hard for her to understand, and especially on that day when she went marching up the mountain side to Mt. Calvary. Oh that awful scene, as under the lash, He struggled under that heavy load, the cross, on which He was to hang for you and me. And then as she watched them place Him upon the cross, and heard the cruel sound of the hammer as it drove those nails through His hands, which had done so many loving deeds, and those feet which had run so many errands for her in His boyhood days. Oh, Mary, we wonder how you bore up under this awful scene.

I fancy I hear you say, but why do you talk of such sad things at this time, when all the earth should be filled with joy. But the world needs to understand more fully the price of this joy that we possess today.

Do you think that Mary was ever sorry she said, yes, to God. Oh no, we believe that this wonderful joy, through all of these trying times, reigned supreme. A little later on we find her in the upper room overflowing with joy, and baptized with the

Holy Ghost. Oh Hallelujah! This wonderful joy!

Saying yes to God means suffering, but it means joy unspeakable and full of glory in this life, and a beautiful garment of fine needlework and a crown of gold in the next.

On the thousands of souls today who are hearing the sweet tender voice of Jesus, saying, "Son, daughter, give me thine heart; and let me put this joy in your life, which comes only to those who are willing to obey my voice." They are not willing to say, yes, like Mary, but are saying by their actions, I cannot bear the reproach. My father and mother would misunderstand me, and it would break their hearts for me to walk this narrow way, because they have a wonderful career mapped out for me, and I could not bear to disappoint them. Or my husband or wife is not in sympathy with this way, and our home might be disrupted. Who knows but what the angel of the Lord might appear to him, or her, as he did to Joseph, and they too would understand and go along with you. Or if they did not, Jesus trod the winepress alone.

Had Mary said, no, to the angel, there would have been no joy for her; neither will there be joy for you if you fail to say, yes, to God. There may be a mock joy which we see on every hand at Christmas time, the joy that the frivolous things of the world bring to you, but not the joy mentioned in this hymn. How many precious ones sing this song during the Christmas season who have never yet learned what it means to be in possession of this joy.

We are thinking also of the joy which came to the shepherds as they were so faithfully guarding their sheep, as the song rang out on the still night air, "Glory to God in the highest peace on earth good will toward men."

It was to those who were awake and watching that our God first appeared and made known this wonderful secret, and it is to those today who are wide awake to the things of the Lord to whom He can reveal Himself. We imagine these shepherds had been reading the prophecies, and had been looking for the coming of the Lord; and that was the reason He could trust them with the message. He knew they would believe it. Oh, hallelujah! He always has a faithful few who will believe and obey.

We believe it will be only the faithful few who have been reading the Word, and to whom the Lord is able to reveal His secrets, that will be ready and watching for His second coming. "Unto them that look for him, shall he appear a second time without sin unto salvation." Are we looking for Him, or do we say, "Where is the promise of his coming?" for since the fathers fell asleep all things continue as they were from the beginning."

We read of another class of people who were close enough to the Lord that He could speak to them, and they must have been filled with joy, as God set the beautiful star in the East to guide them to the place where Jesus lay. Had they been just ordinary astronomers like many today, we believe they would have endeavored to explain it away, but they, too, were watching for Him, because they believed the prophets of old, and they came bringing rich gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

There are some of us today to whom the Lord has revealed Himself, and we are full of this wonderful joy. We have believed the message to the shep-

Christmas Hymn

Charles Wesley

Hark! how all the welkin rings
Glory to the King of Kings!
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
Join the triumph of the skies;
Universal nature say,
Christ the Lord is born today!

Christ by highest Heaven adored,
Christ, the Everlasting Lord;
Late in time behold Him come,
Offspring of a Virgin's womb:
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
Hail th' Incarnate Deity,
Pleased as man with men to appear,
Jesus our Immanuel here!

Hail! the heavenly Prince of Peace!
Hail! the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings,
Risen with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by,
Born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth.

Come, Desire of nations, come,
Fix in us Thy humble home!
Rise, the Woman's conquering Seed.
Bruise in us the Serpent's head!
Now display Thy saving power,
Ruined nature now restore,
Now in, mystic union join
Thine to ours, and ours to Thine!

Adam's likeness, Lord, efface;
Stamp Thy image in its place;
Second Adam from above,
Reinstate us in Thy love!
Let us Thee, though lost regain,
Thee, the Life, the Heavenly Man:
O! to all Thyself impart,
Formed in each believing heart!

herds and are singing the song of the angels, "Glory to God in the highest, Peace on earth good will toward men."

We have believed in His first coming and the purpose for which He came, and have been washed in His precious blood which He shed on Calvary's cross for us, and we are filled with this wonderful joy that the world cannot give, neither can it take away.

Dear ones, what are we bringing to Him as gifts at this Christmas season, when the spirit of giving is abroad in our land? Let us think for a moment what God would like best to have.

When we go to buy a present for one of our loved ones, we study sometimes for days to know what they would like best, and oftentimes ask them, and they tell us just what would please them most.

I wonder what our Lord would say if we should ask Him. I believe He would say, "Present your bodies a living sacrifice." When God gets us, He also gets all that belongs to us. Every thing is on the altar to be used for His glory. He gets our gold when the call is whispered into our ear, "Come over into Macedonia and help us." If we can't go we will gladly help others to go. And when the call comes weekly from the Bible school for funds to help these bright boys and girls prepare for life work for Him, we will gladly respond.

Our precious Lord commanded us to pray the Lord of the harvest to thrust forth laborers into His vineyard. He has called them and they have said, yes, to God and now He is waiting on us to do the rest.

I have heard some of these young people relate time and again how God made them willing to give up every thing in this world to go forth in His name, bearing His reproach,

A MESSAGE OF THE HEAVENLY HOST

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men,

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.

And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. St. Luke 2:8-18.

This was the angelic choir bringing to earth the sweetest music that ever rolled over the Judean hills, startling the Bethlehem shepherds and delivering to them the greatest message ever communicated from the celestial world to this world of sin, vice and crime.

This wonderful Christmas message brought to human hearts such a glow of vibrant happiness. "Behold I bring you good tidings of great joy," said the angel, as the introduction to this message of the Heavenly Host, "Unto you is born THIS DAY in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." This was heaven's full and complete message and music, and the most interesting service ever known, freighted with the power of the eternal world. This music far exceeded the sweetest that earth was able to produce. It was unparalleled by the greatest and most well trained chorus. Truly no choir could have produced such music, but the one direct from the city of gold. This unearthly music and the message delivered by the angels surely made Heaven to rejoice, the earth to be glad, and hell to tremble because of the importance of the message, that a Saviour was born in this world. Surely it was good tidings of great joy. The full chorus delivered the message, "Unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." It was good tidings indeed to hear the story that the long looked for Messiah had actually come. This hope, long deferred, was now realized; "Unto you is born *** a Saviour."

It means something to be a possessor of this joy. Praise the Lord. "The joy of the Lord is your strength." To have this joy means service for the Master. We all know when the mountain top experiences come, we feel like we could run through a brick wall for Jesus. It is no trouble to preach then. We wish that we had all the inhabitants of the whole earth before us. We have no fear. It is no trouble to pray for the sick then, and the mighty demon spirits must go before us. It is no trouble to go through the hard places, the deep, dark tunnels, along the way, for, "The joy of the Lord is your strength." Would to God we had more of this wonderful joy at this Christmas time. It is our privilege to be filled to overflowing, if we will love and obey. It is this joy in our lives that makes the world hungry for our Christ and makes us soul winners for Him.

To those who are going through tunnels of sorrow and pain perhaps at this holiday season, your dearest and best friend has been called home to be with Jesus. Perhaps that precious babe who nestled so close to your breast has been torn away, and your heart and home have

been left lonely and sad. You wonder how you can ever be happy again.

Beloved one who measures out this joy to us according to our needs, will not leave you comfortless. He says, "For I will turn their mourning into joy, and will comfort them, and make them rejoice from their sorrow." Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.

He is the historical Christ whose arrival the angels proclaimed. Truly He is the Shiloh of prophecy. The mighty Heavenly Host comes to celebrate His advent into the world. Though the world was enveloped in spiritual darkness, the mighty host of the eternal world came to celebrate the greatest event in the world's history.

Truly the long looked for Messiah has come. "Art thou He that should come?" This question was asked and the answer was, "Go your way, and tell John what things ye have seen and heard; how the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, to the poor the gospel is preached" (Luke 7:22); the actual Christ performing the miracles and doing the very things that the prophets of long ago said He would do. Why should the world longer question that He is the Saviour, the Christ, the Lord?

Truly we should confess and believe on Him, as did the servant of old in speaking for himself and the little select company associated with Him when he said, "Thou art the Christ the son of the living God." On this confession substantially rests the Church of God. In this is embodied the fundamental principles of true Christianity, and the noblest institution ever brought into existence. This is a brief expression of the faith of the Church of God, whose mission it is to publish the good tidings to the nations of the earth.

The gospel of Jesus Christ is good tidings or good news. We open the sacred volume called the New Testament, and the gentle whispers of the good news that it contains swells into the angels' song, and the praises of the Heavenly Host. Here it is we see the winter stars over the Bethlehem hills; we turn and view the lowly cattle shed; in it we get a glimpse of the consecrated manger and there is the babe of Bethlehem. In Him the good news is fulfilled.

What does Christmas mean to us? In order that we should truly and reverently celebrate this day, let us do as the shepherds of old: go unto Bethlehem, which is to say, let us go to our places of worship and there confidently expect to meet the Christ and celebrate His advent into the world, that has meant so much to us. We should celebrate it with such a degree of sacredness, remembering that this world was enveloped in spiritual darkness, ignorance, superstition and crime, which had been prevailing for 400 long years. The voice of an anointed prophet had hushed until the voice of him who was sent to prepare the way before Him, was heard. Surely this was a new day that had dawned upon this old world. The cold stars all glittered and shined in the hours of darkness, but finally a strange star appeared in the East. The wise men had discovered that something beyond the ordinary had taken place. It was the sign that the long looked for Christ had come; a King was born.

The world knows that it IS Christmas, but not WHY. They talk of a festive season of merry making and worldly pleasures, but little do they think of the source of all this. Jesus Christ, apparently, is as much neglected in this world as ever. The "Inn" of the world is so crowded that there is no room for Jesus. They go on with pleasure seeking, gratifying their unholiness, and their minds are so crowded with business until they have no room for the Babe of Bethlehem.

But it is not so with the faith-

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VICTORY ON THE BATTLEFIELDS

Just closed a five nights meeting at Ripley, Tenn. The Lord wonderfully blessed in giving out the Word. Brother John Burk delivered the messages for us. In the close of the meeting we had the Lord's supper and feet washing. The Church here was left in good order. writes Killie Lovelace, Ripley, Tenn.

We thank God for the cottage prayer meetings here. The Lord has been blessing so wonderfully. We have no building to worship in, but He is with us just the same. He is manifesting His power in a wonderful way. Hot lamp globes have been handled successfully for which we give God all the glory. Writes Jessie Dixon, Gasparilla, Fla.

Have just closed a fourteen days meeting west of Cherry Valley, Ark., out in the country. The writer was in charge of the meeting, and the Lord blessed from the beginning. The colored people here had never heard the full gospel preached before. One was saved, three sanctified, and two were filled with the Holy Ghost. Will establish a Church here before I leave this state. The future is bright here for the Church of God among the colored people. Writes T. A. Sears, Box 14, Oxford, Ala.

The Lord has been blessing in Calhoun, Ga. We have had a two weeks meeting conducted by Brothers Poteat and Looney. The devil worked, but the Lord blessed. Several were saved, some sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost; five were added to the Church. All the members were blessed and uplifted.

Surely the Lord is going to bless the Church at this place in some special way. The Word says for us not to despise the day of small things. There will be an all-day meeting at the church on Christmas day. Everybody is invited to come. We desire the prayers of God's children. Writes, Callie Jackson, Calhoun, Ga.

We have just closed a few days meeting at Fonde, Ky., and the Lord surely did bless. There were four saved, three sanctified and three received the Holy Ghost. There is good interest in the Church here. Three were added to the Church, and there

No Evangel Christmas week!

Making Quilts for the Orphans

I want to sound a note of praise for the way the dear Lord has blessed me in getting up a box to send to the dear orphan children. For some time the Lord had been calling on me to make up a box, so I began to pray about it, and He began to direct my work. First I began to arrange a program for Thanksgiving for the benefit of the orphanage, asking every one who came to bring something for the orphans.

Then I began a friendship quilt, collecting names to be worked on squares. I soon completed one, and before I knew it, I had enough for another. The quilt tops were soon made. After we had finished our quilt tops, one sister gave me a set of squares, which I soon put together; then another sister gave me a quilt top which was all ready for quilting. We then took our Thanksgiving program collection and bought cotton and lining for them, after which we gave a "quilting" in the church, and a lot of good sisters came and helped us quilt. Two of the sisters who wanted to help but could not see well enough to quilt cooked us a nice dinner and brought it to us. So we completed our work and four quilts were sent to the orphans by their friends at Bogalusa, La.

The devil did everything in his power to hinder us in our work. He even tried to stop our Thanksgiving program by taking out some of our very best helpers. I had to do some hard crying and praying, and at last God gave us the victory and we had a nice program. Sister Brown, our pastor, gave us a short message on Helping the Orphans, and then a large collection of articles was received for them, of which an itemized report is given below.

The following articles were given by Mrs. Frebert (an old lady, who keeps a store in order to make a living for herself and husband, may God bless her): 11 boxes of talcum powder, 24 boxes of candy, 23 yards of ribbon, 27 thimbles, 1 paper needle, 24 spools thread, 12 toothbrushes, 12 fine combs, 12 pencils, 48 pearl buttons, 24 bottles of muscilage, 36 pencil tablets, 48 bars of toilet soap, 15 pairs shoe strings, 8 underwaists for children, 7 boys' blouse waists.

Mable Pearson—1 kimona; 4 small children gave, 1 gingham dress: Mable Pearson, Fred Pearson, Essie Brady, Susie Evans; Alice Reaves—2 spools of thread, 1 bar toilet soap; Lula Weaver—2 pencils, 2 tablets; Della Phillips—1 pencil; Lawrence Morant—1 bar toilet soap; Rebecca Pearson—1 handkerchief; Mrs. Burt—1 paper pins, 1 spool thread; Emma Brady—1 paper pins, 1 bar toilet soap, 1 tooth brush; Essie Brady—1 paper pins, 1 bar toilet soap; Mrs. Myrtle Syrgest—1 bar toilet soap, 1 box talcum powder; Cora Blackwell—1 bar toilet soap, 1 handkerchief; Bell Morant—3 bars laundry soap; Mrs. Swenson—6 boxes candy, 3 dozen buttons, 3 handkerchiefs; Ruby Morant—1 bunch embroidery dress trimming.

I remain your sister,
Clara Pearson,
Bogalusa, La.

GIVING

I give so little compared to what some people give, and especially to what my dear Savior has given to me, that I feel almost ashamed to say much on this subject; but I feel that God would have me say something on this noble work. I will just give a little of my personal experience in giving, hoping it will be of help to some one.

When I go to a place where a sale is on and find bargains, where I want to get something for myself, the good Lord makes me think of those who are out laboring on the battlefield, and who do not get a chance or the means to buy things they need.

In large cities where I can get things cheaper, I will buy different articles, such as hats, socks, handkerchiefs, shaving soap, etc., for some who I know do not have access to these places, where they can procure

such things at bargain prices, therefore making it hard, and oftentimes impossible for them to really have these necessities of life.

I desire prayer that I may be more mindful of some brother in need. I want to try to support a native missionary in India or China, or give this amount where needed worst, as directed by Headquarters.

Another thing I wish to say is: when I keep my tithes paid up, my work goes easier and I can understand my own affairs much more plainly. When I fail to pay all promptly, I can readily tell that I am cheating my own self out of even temporal blessings. Let us not give to be seen openly, but let us pay our dues and give as unto the Lord, and our heavenly Father who seeth in secret will reward us openly.

From a brother whose name is not given.

WE CAN ALL DO SOMETHING FOR JESUS

Dear Children of God Everywhere:

While we are passing through such trying times, let us read God's Word daily. I find in Psalms 39:1, these words: "I said, I will take heed to my ways, that I sin not with my tongue. I am made to wonder at times if I have prayed and lived the life just as God would have me to do. I find in the Word that if the Savior be lifted up He will draw all men unto Him. Oh saints, when we begin to want to get out in the Lord's work and do big things, suppose we turn our thoughts back to our homes a while. While husband and little boys are spending the evenings at the movies, seeking such places for pastime and pleasure we mothers can spend our time in prayer and reading the good Word, begging and pleading for God to come into their hearts and lives in such a way that they will have no desire for such things.

I remember that not so very long ago I became discouraged. I said, "Lord, you know all about me and I want to do your will, not mine;" so I had a dream. I dreamed that I started to heaven and had to climb up a narrow ladder. I had climbed about half the way up and was so tired. I thought I would just stop and lean on some banisters that were built on the ladder. When I stopped and rested my head upon these, they fell. I looked up and saw Jesus beckoning me to climb on. I answered to Him and said, "Yes, Lord, I will go all the way and will not stop." Glory to God.

"Be not weary in well doing." We shall reap in due season if we faint not. I love this way; it just suits me; and some day at the end of this dusty way I expect Jesus to open the pearly gates for me; and then "I will trade the old cross for a crown."

"When the mist is risen above us,
And the Father knows His own,

Face to face with those who love us,
We shall know as we are known."

Pearl Chancey.

A MESSAGE OF LOVE

R. A. Fielden.

The perfect exercise of love includes the discharge of our whole duty toward God and our fellow-man. The Son of God is special example of divine love. God's love was manifested in giving Jesus Christ, who died to save the world. Christ's love was shown by His willingness to be sacrificed for sinners. Ex. 20:5, Lev. 19:18-34. Deut. 6:5-7, 7:9-13; Josh. 22:5.

The test of love is the surrender of personal ambition, and a complete abandonment of ourselves in our devotion to others. Love prompts a desire to promote the welfare and happiness of others. Jesus commands us to love one another, and we must realize that love is the preeminent essential in the improvement of society. He

LITTLE WORKERS

Blanche Quillen

We have many little workers, And we hope there are no shirkers; As we all are working true, Trying now our best to do.

Though for our downfalls we're to blame, God stands ready to lead us just the same; And now our hearts are all afame, Of the glory of God we are not ashamed.

United now both great and small, All working as one, we shall not fall; But pressing still, both one and all, Till we hear the final call.

We are working for our Master dear, And in our hearts there is no fear Of the future, and things that are beyond, The things that await in the golden dawn.

Our trials and troubles will not always last, For we shall some day receive that sweet rest; When at last our toils and trials are past, And we shall awake in the realms of the blest.

Oh we shall hear the trumpet blast, That calls the faithful home at last; When all the trials and hardships are past, And we the victory have won at last.

We are marching on to that city so fair, Of its diamonds and jewels we are aware: When the saints of God are gathered there, We shall all then the glory share.

With our banners hoisted we're marching on, As the mighty triumph of a blood-washed throng; And as marching on we'll sing our song, While waiting for the golden dawn.

also said, "Love your enemies." Love is the predominating grace, the impetus that moves us on. It is that which makes us alive and awake. Only those who have love can give it; and we get and keep love by giving it. God is love. 1 John 4:8. "He that loveth not knoweth not God." Love what, the world? No, no, no. Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 1 John 2:15. If ye love me, keep my commandments. John 14:15. For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and they will have no desire for such things.

As I close this message at the midnight hour, upon bended knees, I humbly ask God to help us each and every one, that we may measure up to His precious Word.

THE FATHER KNOWS WHAT WE NEED
Dear Evangel Readers and Saints of God Everywhere—Greetings in Jesus' Dear Name:

I want to praise God for the wonderful way He leads His children. Two years ago there was a band of sanctified people here whom God, in His wisdom, saw were in need of the Holy Ghost; so He sent Rev. G. C. Dunn to bring the light and preach the glad tidings of good news to us. Oh, praise God, for the precious blood of Jesus that saves and sanctifies; for the wonderful Holy Ghost and the great overwhelming power of our dear loving Lord.

Well, I don't know just how many received the Holy Ghost in the meeting, but this I do know: I was one of the number who received a real Bible experience of the baptism of the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gave utterance. Praise God forever! Hallelujah! The blessing still holds good, and the way grows brighter every day.

While this man of God was here with us he organized a Church of God with about fifty-five or sixty members, myself being one of them. Today I praise God for the Church built on Christ, a firm foundation. I often think of the song, How Firm a Foundation Ye Saints of the Lord.

Since then God sent Brother Dunn back to visit the Church and see how we were all getting along. He found us all standing true to God and to the Church.

Praise God for the sweet privilege we have of following Jesus. Now, dear saints, pray that I may keep humble at His feet, ever ready to follow where He leads. Also pray for the Church here.

Your sister in Christ,
Lilly Williams,
Thorn, Miss., Star Route.

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MORE BIBLE SCHOOL TALK

Those who have had no experience in Bible School work, know but little about the hardships connected with it. It is study, study, study, nearly all of the waking hours of the day. Thirty five or forty eager minds delving into the Word, ever discovering some new thought to them, and sometimes new to us, are coming one after another in rapid succession, with their new discoveries, desiring to know what the teacher thinks of it; or else they are up against something they do not understand, and are coming for an explanation. No one who is not especially fitted for such a life, could stand it; but to those who are called to this work, it is a great pleasure. Such was last week; a week of special toll.

Then on Friday, as we closed for the week about 4 P. M., we entered a car which was owned by one of the school boys, with four of the students (The Band Boys), and started to Daisy, a little mining town about 50 miles away, to fill an appointment which had been arranged for the evening by Brother Harmon, the pastor. After some trouble over being misguided, we finally arrived, and found the church full with many on the outside. We went in, started the music, and in a short while the power began to fail, and such a time as we did have. A good offering was made for the band boys, and after much persuasion, we agreed to give them another service Sunday night.

From there we went to Soddy, another mining town, where we had a fine street service Saturday, 1:30 P. M. I don't think I was ever in a more impressive service. Old men wept in the street as we preached on the prodigal son. We were given a hearty invitation to return the following afternoon, which we accepted.

Saturday night we had another glorious service at Dividing Ridge, out in the country. The Lord wonderfully blessed at this place during our stay there, Saturday night and Sunday morning.

After noon, we went back to Soddy and found the little shop where our people have been worshipping since our house was taken from us, and do you think that they were trying to buy it so we would have no place to worship? After learning the situation, I was determined not to be defeated, so I took up an offering to buy the building, and in a few minutes we had enough to nearly pay for it, including cash and subscriptions. I suppose this so disappointed them that they would not stay to hear us preach; but after they left, others filled their places, and we had another good service. Besides the offering to purchase the place of worship, \$31.90 was contributed to the band boys, to be used in helping them through the school.

We then went back to Daisy for Sunday night, according to promise, and found the house again full, with people standing all around on the outside. We enjoyed another good service there, after which we took our leave for Cleveland, arriving at 12:30 Monday morning. about two hours sleep was all I had during the night; and I am sitting here in the study room tonight, and every few minutes some one is wanting to know something about their lesson. I preached five times on our trip.

Don't you think I need your prayers? I do. I hope you will at least remember me at the throne; but if you would mix a little works with your prayers, the answer would be realized sooner. Some of the students are here with little or no money. I tell them to stay and I'll beg for them. I have been able to keep above the waves this month. I have paid \$91.00 on indebtedness and necessities for the school, and another note of \$60.00, also one of \$10.00 is due, besides light bills. Then I

have paid \$75.00 for an assistant teacher, Sister Chambers, who is a faithful helper both in the correspondence as well as in the home department.

I feed these students at 50 cents per day, and some few other little expenses. Now you know there is no gain in this. Just a little help from each Church would be of much value in our work. We have a fund here now known as "The Aid to Students" which is helping out considerably, but it will soon be exhausted. If you feel like helping in this fund, send your offering to the Bible Students' Fund, Church of God Publishing House, Cleveland, Tenn. If you can't help in this way, please pray.

Thy brother,
J. B. Ellis.

Local News

By Maggie Free and Alice Stephens

Brother J. B. Ellis and the band boys motored over to Daisy, Tenn., last Friday P. M. and held services there Friday night. The next day they went on to Soddy, Tenn., where they held street meeting in the afternoon. Then Brother Ellis filled his regular appointment at Dividing Ridge, Saturday night and Sunday A. M. The church at this place surely is on fire for God. Surely they have the "Mountain top" experience, even though they do live in the valley. The band boys, who are students of the Bible Training School, were greatly encouraged on their trip to Dividing Ridge and other places. They also received financial aid at one place to help them through the school.

Reports from other places in and around Cleveland have been coming in, which shows that the Church of God is not dead by any means. Brother C. W. Kerke, who is pastor of the Church at Oaky, Tenn., filled his regular appointment there Saturday night and Sunday A. M.; and the church at this place is on the upward move. The South Cleveland Church is coming to the front, reports Brother Evan Ellis, the pastor. They surely had a wonderful service there last Sunday night; one was saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. The church at Kinsers Tabernacle is progressing rapidly under the care of Brother W. S. Matheny. The above named churches are all on the Cleveland district.

Brother Zeno Tharp, who is district overseer of East Chattanooga district and pastor of that church, filled his appointment there last Sunday A. M. and Sunday night. The saints at this place have the victory and are looking forward to the coming of our Lord. Brother S. A. Keene, who is pastor of the North Chattanooga Church, fills his appointment there each Sunday morning and evening, where the Lord is blessing wonderfully. One brother there has recently been saved, sanctified, and baptized with the Holy Ghost. The church at Soddy seems to be progressing very rapidly, reports Sister Pearl Cobb, who has charge of this work for the present.

The young people's meeting in Cleveland is full of interest and spiritual uplifts. The last two meetings were conducted by Sisters Vivian Haworth and Maggie Free, in which God manifested His power in a marvelous way. Messages were given while the waves of glory rolled.

Brother J. B. Ellis, accompanied by the Bible students, has been holding services on the Court House Square in Cleveland on Saturday P. M. The students and others have also been visiting the jail occasion-

ally, where they make music for the prisoners.

Brother Walter Hindman, pastor and district overseer of the following Churches: Mount Olive, Bancroft Tabernacle, and Grasshopper, reports victory over the enemy.

A large crowd, including Bible students and others motored over to Charleston, Tenn., last Sunday P. M. and held services for the folks over there, who seemed to be very much interested. Of course this is a new field but we are looking forward to the time when a church will be set in order at this place.

All of those who are above named as pastoring Churches around and about Cleveland, are students of the Bible Training School. This goes to prove that the students are determined to lift up the blood stained banner of Jesus Christ.

COUNTS IT A GREAT PRIVILEGE TO ATTEND THE BIBLE SCHOOL

To All the Evangel Readers—Greetings in Jesus' Precious Name:

How I thank the Lord for the privilege of attending the Bible School! It is truly wonderful how the Lord does bless us. We thank the Lord for dear brother Ellis, our teacher. The school is progressing rapidly under his supervision.

If all who are students here could go out on the battlefield when the term is ended, and tell lost souls about Jesus, how wonderful, wonderful it would be! Oh, that we could get this gospel message to every nation under the sun, and especially to heathen countries where there are so many who are sinking into the regions of despair! But how can one go lest he be sent, and how can he be sent lest he is prepared to rightly divide the word of truth?

I would to God that every one could get under the burden and sacrifice in some way to help put some one through the Bible School, or to help some one who is already here. Surely God would reward you. Oh! if you only knew that it may add more stars to your crown, couldn't you sacrifice that new dress, hat, pair of shoes, or coat you were planning to buy?

If you could only realize what it would mean, I am sure you would. "The harvest truly is plenteous, but labourers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest."

May God bless all who read this, and may He put upon your heart to help some one for never was the need so great. Oh, how my heart goes out for lost humanity as I write these few lines! Will you not help in some way? Yes you will, I feel sure. God bless your hearts.

I am one who loves you,
Alice Stephens, a student.

NOTICES

I will begin a revival at Buhl, Ala. December 22, which will continue for a few days. Everybody is invited to attend. The writer of this notice will be in charge of the meeting.

W. L. Reynolds,
Route 2, Box 46, Israelton, Ala.

Wanted—A church of God family on the farm, to make a crop next year. I have land to rent. We also need help to hold services here this next year. If you are interested: write at once to, W. C. Samples, R. 31, Box 102, Roswell, Ga.

To the Churches and Ministers in the Carmi District No. 4:

We have at last arrived in our new field of labor. We had quite a time getting here, but we are here at last.

We will be at Lawrenceville, for a district meeting Jan. 4th, 5th and 6th. We want everyone who can come and help arrange the work in this district for the coming year and we heartily invite all others outside of this district to attend. We will take care of all who come. Will arrange the program later and mail some of them to all the churches. We expect dear Brother W. G. Rembert, our state overseer to be present.

R. A. Fielding, district pastor,
1415 South 10th St., Lawrenceville, Ill.

I request all the ministers and treasurers of the church of

God, among the colored people, to be sure and make your monthly reports to Headquarters, as usual. Let us make this year one of great success by complying with all the teachings of the church as hitherto outlined, and also make reports to the overseer of the colored work.

I mean to visit each church as early as possible. Our district convention for the southern district of Florida, will convene at West Palm Beach January 10-13, 1924. I request all the ministers, clerks and treasurers, and as many as can, to come, praying that the Lord will bless and give special wisdom during this convention, for the upbuilding of His church.

Yours faithfully for Christ and His church,

David LaFleur, Overseer of the Colored work,
629, 3rd Ave., West Palm Beach, Fla.

COLORED WORK

To the Brethren of the Colored Work:

I want to state to you that I am becoming more and more convinced that you have a good overseer, Brother David LaFleur. He seems to be a man of a smooth, gentle spirit, he also manifests wisdom. He will come to your help when you are in need of his assistance. He has a fine recommendation, and is loved by all his people.

Let me insist that the churches on his work stand by him with your prayers and money. When you send one tenth of your tithes to Headquarters, do not forget Brother LaFleur, and send to him, not less than one tenth of the remaining nine tenths.

The churches on the Florida East Coast and West Coast, Georgia, Alabama, and in fact all churches south of the Mason and Dixon line, write to him and keep in touch with him, for he is your worthy overseer in connection with the General Overseer.

Yours,
F. J. Lee, General Overseer.

IN MEMORY OF SHARP

On November 26, 1923, the death angel visited the home of Mrs. Marshall Emile Sharp, and claimed her husband, age 28 years, 6 months, and 1 day. He was an ex-soldier, and contracted tuberculosis while in the army, during the late war. He suffered for three years, and died in the hospital in Texas. He leaves to mourn a wife, mother, father, four sisters, and four brothers.

Brother Sharp will be greatly missed by the church, as he had been a member for only a short time. The funeral was conducted by the writer, and the body was laid to rest in the Jerusalem Cemetery to await the resurrection, there to receive a just reward.

His pastor,
Wm. H. Black,
Covington, La.

GULLEDGE

Mrs. A. E. Gulledge passed away Monday, December 5, 1923. Mrs. Gulledge was born in North Carolina 68 years ago. She was the mother of sixteen children of whom fourteen have passed on to the other shore.

She leaves to mourn, a husband, two daughters, and a number of grand children and friends. She was a great believer in the church of God, and expressed a desire to unite with the church.

When she was first taken sick she asked us to pray for her, and the Lord raised her up, but she was soon taken sick again. She said through the church of God she had been shown the way and was ready to go. All the week before she passed away she talked to her husband, telling him that she was going home to glory.

Mr. Gulledge is also a believer in the church, and says he can never forget his wife and intends to meet her in glory.

A friend,
Mrs. L. B. Hammond,
Zellwood, Fla.

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NOTICE

We want to announce that Brother W. F. Bryant has been appointed as district overseer of the Dayton district. He will soon be on the district and arrange his work. I will ask that the churches be patient just a few more days. This delay is unavoidable.

F. J. Lee.

The Old Fashioned Way

Dear Saints Everywhere—
Greetings in Jesus' Dear Name:

I am praising the Lord to-night for salvation. I praise Him for saving me, sanctifying me with His precious blood, and baptizing me with the Holy Ghost; also for adding me to the dear old church of God.

I am praising Him for this good old fashioned way, the way that our Saviour trod; and He bids that we should follow in His steps. He being without sin, "Neither was guile found in His mouth."

I am glad that it has been made possible for us to live a Christ-like life in this world. "Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is." 1 John 3:2.

I am so glad we can have a little taste of heaven here in this world for the Word tells us that we are made to sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus; and it is wonderful to know how the Lord can bless us.

I thank Him for the love that He has shed abroad in my heart, and for the way He has led me out of darkness into this marvelous light. I also thank Him for the highway of holiness which was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah. "And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called the way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those: the wayfaring men, though fools shall not err therein." Isa. 35:8.

People may call this a new way, but it is as old as the Bible. I am glad the light is shining in these last days; and the more opposition to this grand and glorious way, the brighter it shines.

"But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin." 1 John 2:7.

All who read this, pray for me that I may be true till the end, and be a soul winner for Jesus; He has done so much for me.

Your sister,

Cancie Ellenburg,
Mountain City, Ga.

TESTIMONIES

"YE ARE MY WITNESSES"

How I praise God this morning for real salvation in my soul. I am glad that I accepted this narrow way.

I am a member of the dear old Church of God with headquarters at Cleveland, Tenn. I am saved, sanctified and filled with the sweet Holy Ghost. I want all the saints of God to pray that a Church of God preacher may be sent here.

Mrs. J. D. Buzhee,
Sparta, Ill.

I praise God this evening for what He is to me.

We can look around and see how people scorn the name of Jesus, and yet He is always ready to help them. He baptized me with the Holy Ghost about fourteen years ago, with the Bible evidence of speaking in other tongues according to Acts 2:4. Praise His name.

I have had many trials and persecutions, but the fire of heavenly love is still burning in my soul. Though the enemy may try hard to overcome me, I feel like going on.

I believe the Lord will soon come after His Bride and by the help and grace of God I mean to be at the marriage supper. Oh, how I want to hear Him say, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant: * * * enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

Biddie Taylor,
Kennedy, Ala.

God picked me up out of sin and how happy I have been ever since I started in this happy and glorious way. How wonderfully He has blessed wife and me. He saved both of us the first night we confessed our sins to Him. Praise His wonderful name. The next night we began to seek for greater blessings and power, and how we were blessed again. My wife received the Holy Ghost. Oh how I praise His wondrous name. May He give us greater power to tell of this wonderful salvation.

"We have only just a minute, Only sixty seconds in it, Forced upon us, can't refuse it, Didn't seek it, didn't choose it, But it's up to us to use it, We must suffer if we lose it, Give account if we abuse it. Just a tiny little minute, But ETERNITY IS IN IT."

Wm. Forsythe, Logan, Ill.

I am 41 years of age, and was 20 years a member of the Methodist Church and ten years on the official board. I helped build a few churches and helped do other business for the Church. Five years ago the dear Lord sanctified me and later called me to tell others what He could and would do for them, and the Methodist people gave me license to preach, but for sometime I have wanted to join the Church of God, yet for some reason have not been able to do so.

We have a band of saints near us, and I am called one of them by the world, but have not yet received the baptism with the Holy Ghost. I desire the prayers of God's children that I may receive the Holy Ghost, so I can get out in the harvest field.

Yours for the Master's service and the Church of God,

H. M. Biggers,
Shaw, Miss.

I want to sound a note of praise for my blessed Master. I am in the straight and narrow way. I am praising God for salvation in my soul this evening. I just can't praise Him enough for what He has done for me. He has saved my soul from a life of sin and filled me with the blessed Holy Ghost. Oh it is so sweet to know the Saviour and His love, and to know He can, and will, save all who will trust His love; but I find so many who do not have the love of God as they should, and it breaks my heart. The Word says that God is love. I know His Word is true. The love of God perfected in us makes us love everybody, and I want more of God's love to help me over all the trials and temptations. I am the only one in this place that believes in hol-

Deeper With God

There was a lady who gave me one of your papers and I read the beautiful testimonies. They exactly correspond with my experience. I am saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost; and speak in tongues as the Spirit gives utterance.

I was in a Methodist meeting when I was baptized seven years ago. For the past two years, I have been in contact with the Pentecostal Holiness people; and the past year the Lord has been making a change in my life. I feel that I am touching on the border of the deeper things of God.

When I was first baptized with the Holy Ghost I seemed to speak in tongues with stammering lips and a groaning noise; and now the Holy Ghost gives utterance in two different ways. Sometimes I speak a few words in plain language. I speak of the Jews gathering back to Jerusalem, the second coming of Christ, and a lot of things pertaining to the end; then I speak in a very fast tongue, and my voice is strange.

I would not undertake to tell all the Lord has done for me, as time will not permit. We have established a Sunday school and mission work here. We have no Church here, but are getting along nicely.

When the Lord began to make this change in my life, the pastor of my former church called me a fanatic, and opposed me in every way. I believe that you people are deeper with God than any holiness people I have ever met. I am putting all my trust in God for everything, but you know that sometimes by telling our experiences to one another, we comfort and enlighten one another.

I am a widow woman and my health is bad; so I ask you Christian people to pray for me, that my body may be healed by the power of God, and that He may use me to His glory.

Your sister in Christ,
Jane Young,
Mt. Airy, N. C.

REQUESTS

Mrs. E. F. Vontassel, Townsend, Tenn., requests prayer of all the saints that her husband may be saved and that she may stand true to Jesus.

A Sister, Winder, Ga., requests earnest prayer that her children may be saved, and that she may be delivered from the use of snuff.

W. L. Combs, North Wilkesboro, N. Y., requests prayer that the Lord will send some one there to hold a meeting and establish a Church of God at that place.

Mrs. Mattie Carter, Brentwood, Ga., requests prayer that she may be healed of indigestion; also pray that the Lord will open up the way for them to have meetings at that place.

Mrs. M. M. Horton, Vanndale, Ark., requests all those who know the value of prayer to earnestly pray for the Lord to heal her of rheumatism, which is affecting her knees and right arm.

Mrs. Corine Rowe, Embry, Miss., requests the saints everywhere to earnestly pray that the Lord will heal her left side and shoulder. She cannot stoop over at any time to do her work.

Our dear Brother W.E. Turnage of East Durham, N.C. is very sick with pneumonia, and is financially in need; also his wife is sick in bed. Pray that they may be healed and their needs supplied. Writes G. P. Wheeler, 1103½ E. Main St., Durham, N.C.

I am a sinner 23 years old, and have had a very hard time for the past year. I started to serve the Lord one time but looked back. It seems that all my friends have turned against me, and that I have many enemies. I request the prayers of the saints that I may be saved; also pray for my wife. Writes Frank Hayse, R. 7, Heflin, Ala.

A MESSAGE OF THE HEAVENLY HOST (Continued from Page 1)

ful of the Church: they rejoice on this memorial day, that a child is born; unto them a son is given. They rejoice because of the fulfillment of the many prophecies concerning their Christ. They rejoice because the long centuries seem to roll together and the faint whisper of long ago grows into the triumphant song, JESUS CHRIST IS BORN TODAY. They bring their offerings of praise and worship to God's altar, as the wise and faithful of long ago brought their offerings to the manger.

The central truth of this message is, GOD WITH US. The divine Christ who said, "Before Abraham was, I am," has come to dwell with humanity to be incarnated in the human body and partake of the sufferings of this ruined world. He took our nature upon Him and was tempted in all points like as we, yet without sin. Man having become an exile from paradise, Jesus came to bring us back and restore to us all that we had lost. Surely He should be exalted in the earth, and all the nations should reverently bow before Him and celebrate His advent into the world.

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Oversee Colored Work, David La Fleur, 629-3rd Ave. W. Palm Beach, Fla.

A Mother Requests Prayer for Her Children

I need the prayers of God's children for my wandering boy

who has been gone nearly a year, and I have not heard from him in three months. Pray that

God will put His protecting arms around him, and that I

may hear from him soon.

I have five children; please

help me pray that God will save

them. Sometimes my cross is so

heavy and Satan tries to make

me doubt. Pray that the shad-

ows of doubt will be removed,

and that I will believe to the ex-

tent that my prayers will be

answered in their behalf.

Pray for the little band of

saints here, that Satan will be

put to flight and we may win

the victory.

Pray that I may be stronger

in the Lord. I want to do some-

thing for Him. Writes Ida

Brister, Bronson, Tex.

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